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This issue contains guidance documents relevant to current public health events and information from **July 20 – August 4**.

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## **COCA News and Announcements**

Archived COCA conference calls are available at [emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/index.asp](http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/index.asp).

Free continuing education credits (CME, CNE, ACPE, CEU, CECH, and AAVSB/RACE) are available for most calls. For more information about free CE, visit [emergency.cdc.gov/coca/continuingeducation.asp](http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/continuingeducation.asp)

## **CDC Emergency Response – CDC Response to 2014 Ebola in the United States and West Africa**

**UPDATE:** CDC Responder Stories

<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/outbreaks/2014-west-africa/responders.html>

**UPDATE:** CDC Ebola Response Update

<http://www2c.cdc.gov/podcasts/player.asp?f=8637956>

**UPDATE:** Review of Human-to-Human Transmission of Ebola Virus

<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/transmission/human-transmission.html>

**UPDATE:** Case Counts

[www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/outbreaks/2014-west-africa/case-counts.html](http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/outbreaks/2014-west-africa/case-counts.html)

## **CDC News and Announcements**

**NEW:** CDC Press Release: CDC funding helps states address infectious disease threats

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) today announced awards of nearly \$110 million to help states and communities strengthen their capacity to track and respond to infectious diseases. The awards

represent an increase of about \$13 million over fiscal year 2014 funding, with increases going to vaccine-preventable-disease surveillance, foodborne-disease prevention and advanced molecular detection, among other projects.

<http://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2015/p0803-cdc-funding.html>

### **CDC Science Clips: Volume 7, Issue: 30 – (CDC)**

Each week select science clips are shared with the public health community to enhance awareness of emerging scientific knowledge. The focus is applied public health research and prevention science that has the capacity to improve health now.

[www.cdc.gov/library/sciclips/issues/](http://www.cdc.gov/library/sciclips/issues/)

## **Public Health Preparedness**

### **Emergency Preparedness and Response – (CDC)**

Find preparedness resources for all hazards.

[emergency.cdc.gov/hazards-all.asp](http://emergency.cdc.gov/hazards-all.asp)

### **Emergency Preparedness and Response Training Resources for Clinicians – (CDC)**

Find online and in-person training resources at

[emergency.cdc.gov/coca/trainingresources.asp](http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/trainingresources.asp)

## **Natural Disasters and Severe Weather**

### **Food and Water Needs: Preparing for a Disaster or Emergency – (CDC)**

[emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/foodwater/prepare.asp](http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/foodwater/prepare.asp)

### **Health and Safety Concerns for All Disasters – (CDC)**

[emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/alldisasters.asp](http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/alldisasters.asp)

## **Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR)**

MMWR publications are prepared by CDC. To electronically subscribe, go to

[www.cdc.gov/mmwr/mmwrsubscribe.html](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/mmwrsubscribe.html)

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- [25th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act — July 2015](#)
- [Prevalence of Disability and Disability Type Among Adults — United States, 2013](#)
- [National, Regional, State, and Selected Local Area Vaccination Coverage Among Adolescents Aged 13–17 Years — United States, 2014](#)
- [Aviation-Related Wildland Firefighter Fatalities — United States, 2000–2013](#)
- [Current Cigarette Smoking Among Workers in Accommodation and Food Services — United States, 2011–2013](#)

## **Infectious, Vector-Borne, and Zoonotic Diseases**

### **Seasonal Influenza**

#### **What You Should Know for the 2014-2015 Influenza Season**

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/season/flu-season-2014-2015.htm>

#### **Information for Health Professionals**

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/index.htm>

#### **Weekly Flu View – July 25 (CDC)**

Flu View is a weekly influenza surveillance report prepared by CDC's Influenza Division. All data are preliminary and may change as CDC receives more reports.

[www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/)

### **Planning and Preparedness: Health Professionals and Seasonal Flu – (HHS)**

Healthcare providers play an important role during flu season. The following guidance and information will assist healthcare providers and service organizations to plan and respond to seasonal flu.

[www.flu.gov/planning-preparedness/hospital/index.html](http://www.flu.gov/planning-preparedness/hospital/index.html)

## **Travel Safety**

### **Current Travel Warnings – July 27 (U.S. Department of State)**

The U.S. Department of State issues Travel Warnings when long-term, protracted conditions make a country dangerous or unstable. Travel Warnings recommend that Americans avoid or carefully consider the risk of travel to that country. The State Department also issues Travel Warnings when the U.S. government's ability to assist American citizens is constrained due to the closure of an embassy or consulate or because of a drawdown of State Department staff.

[travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/alertswarnings.html](http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/alertswarnings.html)

## **Food, Drug, and Device Safety**

### **NEW: FDA Investigates 2015 Outbreaks of Cyclosporiasis – (FDA)**

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) along with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and state and local officials have been investigating outbreaks of cyclosporiasis in the United States. As of July 30, 2015, CDC had been notified of 358 ill people with confirmed cyclosporiasis from 26 states in 2015.

<http://www.fda.gov/Food/RecallsOutbreaksEmergencies/Outbreaks/ucm456755.htm>

### **MedWatch: The FDA Safety Information and Adverse Event Reporting Program – (FDA)**

MedWatch is your Food and Drug Administration (FDA) gateway for clinically important safety information and reporting serious problems with human medical products.

[www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/default.htm](http://www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/default.htm)

### **FoodSafety.gov: Reports of FDA and USDA Food Recalls, Alerts, Reporting, and Resources – (HHS/USDA/FDA/CDC/NIH)**

Foodsafety.gov lists notices of recalls and alerts from both FDA and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Visitors to the site can report a problem or make inquiries.

[www.foodsafety.gov/recalls/recent/index.html](http://www.foodsafety.gov/recalls/recent/index.html)

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[Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity](#) – resources for health care providers

[COCA RSS Feed](#) – subscribe to be notified of conference calls, updates, and CDC guidance for health providers

[Crisis & Emergency Risk Communication Training](#) – training program that draws from lessons learned during public health emergencies, and incorporates best practices from the fields of risk and crisis communication

[Health Alert Network](#) – CDC's primary method of sharing cleared information about urgent public health incidents with public information officers; federal, state, territorial, and local public health practitioners; clinicians; and public health laboratories



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